

## Announcing a New Research Grant with BIMForum

The Charles Pankow Foundation (CPF) is sponsoring a dollar for dollar matching grant for the BIMForum to create a new **Building Information Modeling Execution Planning (BxP) guide**. This new tool will be utilized by building industry stakeholders in the management and planning for BIM on their projects. Simply put, it will present the current best practices of leading firms on how to manage project information with BxP. **The primary audience will be building owners and their A/E/C teams.**

The guide will aid building owners, architects, design engineers, construction managers, contractors, trade partners, building manufacturers, academic education, owners and other important AEC community members in BIM. The document will be a practitioner led guide that draws from research and documentation of industry best procedures. From this broad perspective with deep insight, with the support of CPF, BIMForum will be creating a BIM

Execution Planning Guide with input from over a thousand BIM A/E/C/O-FM professionals based on research of over a hundred BIM projects with their accompanying BxP. While useful to all projects, the guide will focus on those that are typically less than \$100M in construction cost and under five stories.

The Pankow grant is a dollar for dollar matching grant up to \$60,000. The funding is provided to the BIMForum to facilitate the needs of the technical writers and research staff who will be drafting the BxP. The BIMForum has assembled a taskforce of architects, engineers, builders and building owners, each of which have over a decade of experience in BIM on active projects. The foundation of the research begins with the over seven thousand attendees of the BIMForum conferences over the last ten years. The BxP Guide is designed to assist teams to facilitate a BIM operation in a collaborative and effective manner.

The BxP Guide will help both those who are not in BIM and established BIM users seeking a reference documenting the state of the art of BxP from industry leading firms from around the country. Outlining best practices for collaboration is the foundation for these teams to adopt higher levels of success, innovation with BIM and profits on their projects.

Sponsors will be prominently recognized in the guide, at the BIMForum's national conference and in the BIMForum's ten webinars scheduled throughout the year.

Please visit [BIMforum.org/BxP](http://BIMforum.org/BxP) for more information.

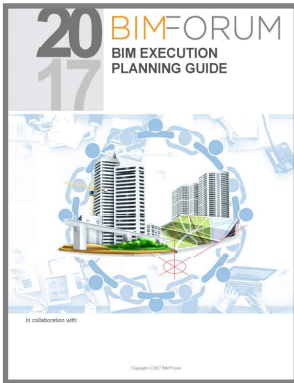
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#### Funding Goal: \$120,000

**The Charles Pankow Foundation is providing a dollar for dollar match for every donation made up to \$60,000.** We are seeking your support at one of the following levels:

Platinum:	\$15,000
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Supporter:	\$1,000
Contributor:	\$500



# **BIM Execution Plan (BxP) Guide**

## *Frequently Asked Questions*

1. **What does this guide address?** This guide intends to provide building owners and their team's with the information and tools to create and implement effective BIM execution plans. A key topic in the guide is **how owners and their teams manage information flow** from the buildings A/E/C/O-FM lifecycle.
2. **How will this guide help improve the building owner's and their team's bottom line?** The guide combines the best practices from teams all across the country. These teams have shared their solutions on how to best author BxPs to improve project budgets, schedules and quality. It provides owners with the information they need to ask the right questions of both their designers and builders before valuable time and money are invested early in the process. It will also include BxP guidelines and techniques for greater scope clarity, tighter BIM budgets, less rework and fewer delays by reducing RFIs.
3. **Who is the guide for?** The primary audience is building owners and their teams of designers, builders and facility managers. These include but are not limited to architects, engineers, contractors and trades partners.
4. **What is the intended project size that would utilize this guide?** While useful to all projects, the guide will focus on those that are typically less than \$100M in construction cost and under five stories.
5. **Do I have to use "full" BIM to use this guide?** No, the guide is practical to building owners and their teams who are starting on their first BIM projects as well as seasoned veterans of BIM who want to see the latest state of the art trends in BxP's
6. **How has input been gathered to create the guide and how is involved?** The document will be a practitioner led guide that draws from research and documentation of industry best procedures. BIMForum will be creating a BIM Execution Planning Guide with input from over a thousand BIM A/E/C/O-FM professionals based on research of over a hundred BIM projects with their accompanying BxP. The research includes both in person and phone interviews. Additionally, it is including an online survey of BIMForum attendees over the last ten years.
7. **What are some of the topics it will answer?**
  - What are the trades doing with BIM? What are reasonable expectations for Owners and their construction teams to expect from trade partners in BIM Execution plan requirements? How do owner's teams best scope BIM for the trades?
8. **Does as well written and implemented BxP**
  - lower project financial risk?
  - Improve installed quality and schedules of construction?
  - Improve job site safety and laydown areas?
9. **How are Owners and their teams addressing training around BxP ?**

The research findings from this report will address these questions as well as many others.

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